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Ladies and Gentlemen: In consequence of Mr. Phillips resigning his seat at the aldermanic board, I have been urged by a large number of the electors to offer myself as a candidate at the forthcoming election. I had the honor of serving you for one term in the Municipal Council and trust that my record during my term of office is such as warrants a renewal of your confidence. Respectfully soliciting your votes and influence, I remain, ladies and gentlemen, your obedient servant.

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The Dead President

Particulars of the Illness Which Caused the Death of M. Faure.

From the First the Doctor Recognized That the Case Was Hopeless.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The Figaro attributes the death of M. Faure to a sudden violent attack of angina pectoris.

M. Delcasse, minister for foreign affairs, last night telegraphed to the foreign ministers informing them of the president's death.

M. Mellie, in the course of conversation with a press representative, said that the president himself recently informed him that for a long time he had been suffering from heart trouble, which had caused him great pain.

Dr. Lanne, interviewed by a representative of the Echo de Paris, said: "When I entered the room the president was already conscious of the seriousness of his condition, and said 'I am very sick.' As a matter of fact from the first there was no hope. Ataxia supervened almost immediately and was followed by paralysis of the left side. Finally the patient fell in absolute coma and died at 10.20. He was unable to speak during his last moments. To sum up it was a sudden attack, and from the first all efforts were useless. The president did not experience any premonitory symptoms. He had only a slight loss of appetite which could not cause alarm, and I was much surprised to see him thus struck down. He had not recently had any official fatigue, but the Fashoda affair had greatly disturbed him. The Dreyfus matter had also caused him great grief, and he was very anxious regarding the home and foreign situation of France."

Arrangements for Funeral.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The Premier, M. Ducloux, has fixed a meeting of the assembly or congress, in which the senators will be in state at the Elysee Palace from 3 o'clock until 6 o'clock this afternoon. Only the ministers, members of the diplomatic corps and high public functionaries will be allowed to view the remains, but the public will be admitted to the palace from 9 o'clock on Saturday morning until 6 o'clock on Tuesday. The obsequies will take place next Thursday in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and the interment at the cemetery of Pere Lachaise.

M. Faure's Successor.

Paris, Feb. 17.—At a meeting of the left senators to-day, M. Loubet, president of the senate, and a former premier, was unanimously nominated for the presidency of France, in succession to the late President Faure. The senators consented to M. Loubet's election assured.

Later in the day it was announced that M. Mellie, in spite of the objections of his supporters, had withdrawn his candidature in favor of M. Loubet.

French Press Comments.

Paris, Feb. 17.—All the morning papers contain comments upon the sudden death of President Faure last night. They are apparently divided rather by their own views of the political situation than their considerations. Few of them find time to dwell upon the best points of the character of the deceased, and many do not hesitate to call attention to his weaknesses.

Sympathy from President McKinley.

Washington, Feb. 17.—

The following was cabled at midnight last night: "Department of State at Washington, D. C., to Mr. Porter, United States ambassador, Paris: The president of the United States desires you to convey to the family of the late president of the French republic the expression of his heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable bereavement. The whole world mourns the loss of one of its greatest statesmen, and this country has an especial share in the sorrow of his sister republic. (Signed) John Hay."

Felix Faure was born in Paris on Jan. 20th, 1841, and was elected president in January, 1895. During the Franco-German war, 1870-71, he organized a battalion of mobile guards and afterwards went to Paris with the Havre firemen to stop the incendiary fires started by the communists.

He was elected deputy from Havre to the chamber in 1881 and entered as under-secretary of commerce and colonies in the cabinet of Jules Ferry. He formed the same year, occupied the same position in the Ferry cabinet, 1883-85, and the Tirard cabinet, 1885; and afterwards was elected deputy, 1889 and 1893. Until May, 1894, he was one of the vice-presidents of the chamber, and was then made minister of the interior in the cabinet of M. Combes, which was overthrown by the chamber. The principles advocated by Gambetta and made the political career of M. Faure. Unlike his predecessor, he was not a champion of the capitalists but as a representative of

DIED AT A BANQUET.

Boston, Feb. 17.—During the banquet of the Home Market Club last night Mr. F. E. Taft, of Whitesville, fell forward in his chair and when carried into an ante-room was found to have expired.

NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The senate committee on commerce decided to-day to pass the Nicaraguan canal bill on the river and harbor bill.

THE SAMOAN ISLANDS.

London, Feb. 17.—In reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day, the under-secretary for foreign affairs, the Hon. William St. John Broderick, said there was no question of annexing the Samoan Islands.

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C. H. BOWES.

Daily Forecast Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 15.—5 a.m.—The storm area which was off Vancouver Island yesterday has crossed the mountains to Alberta, and as high pressure still governs the American coast, high westerly winds prevail throughout this province. The weather remains fair and warm in California, while from Oregon northward rain has been general west of the Cascades, and a light fall has occurred over the ranges. Though the barometer is rising rapidly there are indications of another approaching barometric disturbance now off Vancouver Island.

Nanaimo—Wind, W.; weather, fair.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 40, minimum, 37; wind, S.W., 20 miles; rain, 0.1; weather, cloudy.

Westminster—Temperature, 47; wind, W.; rain, 1.56; weather, fair.

Vancouver—Temperature, 41; rain, 1.70; weather, fair.

Other Points—Wind, W.; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 28.78; temperature, 39, minimum, 28; wind, calm; rain, 0.6; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.69; temperature, 39, minimum, 28; wind, calm; rain, 0.4; weather, cloudy.

Sesh, Wash.—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 48, minimum, 40; wind, W., 14 miles; rain, 3.4; weather, fair.

Portland, Oregon—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 46, minimum, 44; wind, S., 28 miles; rain, 0.4; weather, cloudy.

Tacoma—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 46, minimum, 44; wind, S.W., 20 miles; rain, 3.8; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 52, minimum, 50; wind, N.W., 6 miles; weather, clear.

Forecast.

For 26 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to high W. and S.W. winds; unsettled, with occasional showers.

Lower Mainland—W. and S.W. winds; strong over the Straits and Sound; occasional rains.

City News in Brief.

—Boycott non-union cigars.

—Use Blue Ribbon Baking Powder.

—Many articles suitable for miners cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co., 80 Douglas street.

—One minor case was before the police magistrate this morning, Antonio Sylva being fined \$2.50 for drunkenness.

—The children of the Protestant Orphan's Home have been invited to attend the waxwork figures show at the A.O.U.W. and will be admitted free.

—The series of Saturday evening concerts in Temperance Hall, commonly known as the "Saturday Pops," still continue to attract large audiences, and this only goes to prove that when the public are given value for their money they appreciate it in the most tangible way. To-morrow night some of the best talent in the city will take part—Miss Underhill, a rising elocutionist; Mr. Brownlee, a baritone singer of excellent reputation; a pianist lately arrived in Victoria, whose name could not be learned; Mr. J. G. Brown, the noted comedian, and others well known to the public. Mr. Alfred Rumble will occupy the chair. At these popular entertainments it is always advisable to go early and get seats.

—Referring to the ninth annual report of the British Columbia Board of Trade the San Francisco Commercial News says it "contains a good deal of interesting material regarding the industries of the country. With regard to canned goods, the report states that the British Columbia fisheries have yielded satisfactory results, the salmon pack of the year having reached 1,015,577 cases, or 58 per cent. beyond the previous highest record. A beneficial effect upon the salmon run is believed to be due to the diminution of seals in the Pacific ocean. Agriculture is said never to have appeared more favorable for success than at the present time, the increased demand of the past two years having done much towards re-establishing the confidence of the farmers. The 1897 harvest was a good one, and prices being greatly advanced by the Yukon movement, stocks were well cleared out."

—To-morrow afternoon at half-past two Madame Jarley will reopen her exhibition of wax figures; this is to afford the children and their parents, who for various reasons, could not attend the evening an opportunity to see this interesting and amusing show. The performance will begin promptly at the advertised time and will be given in its entirety. Several songs, recitations, etc., will be given at the fall of the curtain.

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tends being present should be in the hall at latest by 2:30 p.m.

The "Rose Maiden," Feb. 22nd.

—County Court sits to-morrow.

—James Macaulay, of this city, is on his way out from Dawson.

—Lawn mowers and garden tools in variety at R. A. Brown & Co., 80 Douglas street.

—St. John's Church, during Lent, Mr. Longfield will give an organ recital each Sunday evening after service similar to those that were so successfully given last year.

—A drawing of the Nanaimo building society was held last night at Nanaimo. Mr. Raymond, of Victoria, was the winner. It has been decided to wind up the affairs of the society.

—See our stock of Crawford and Brantford bicycles; the largest and best ever imported into this province. Prices, \$35 upwards, guaranteed. Onions & Peas, Broad street.

—A. C. Howe, of this city, returned from the north last evening by the steamer "Plover." He says that with his partner he is building a hotel building, two stories high, at Atlin City.

—According to one of the late arrivals from Dawson the labor situation does not warrant anyone going in with the intention of living by the toll of his hands. All who go in should be well outfitted.

—While working about one of the small mines in the Colist press room yesterday William Douglas, an employee, had one of his knees badly crushed. He was removed to the Jubilee hospital.

—The police gathered in two drunks this afternoon. One was a Kootenai from Nanaimo and the other a colored man, who was married last night and who celebrated the event to-day by getting drunk.

—John Piercy, the Yates street wholesale merchant, is confined to his residence by a sore foot. While running to catch a car a few days ago he struck his foot against the curb and it has since swollen considerably. He may be laid up for a week.

—Ten days hence the recently formed Methodist council will hold a conference in the Metropolitan Methodist church "for the deepening of spiritual life." The conference will last four days, and at each meeting sermons and addresses will be delivered by the pastors of the city and district.

—There is an exhibition in Hibbins' gallery by G. Towner Ferguson, R. C. A., illustrating a scene near Victoria. It represents a covey of pheasants feeding in the early morning. The artist has succeeded admirably in catching the grey light which immediately precedes the dawn. The picture is valued at \$50.

—A very enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mr. G. J. Burnett, organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, this city, at Beacon Hill, on Wednesday evening. Mr. Burnett entertained the members of his choir, with a few of their friends, and the hours were passed in varied amusements. When the party dispersed they sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," etc.

—H. A. Conn, a Yukon mail carrier now in this city, has rivalled M. A. Mahoney's record trip from Dawson. He left the Klondike capital on January 24, and arrived at salt water on February 9th. Mr. Conn brought news confirming the death of Rev. Father Judge at Dawson. He passed a number of miners bound out to the coast. According to him 3,000 miners are now on the way out.

—Among the special numbers on to-night's programme at the South Park school concert are a song by Mrs. Johnston and a recitation by Miss Gertrude Trotter. Male quartettes, mixed quartettes and exercises in solo singing by the children will add to the pleasure of the evening. Mr. Eaton, city inspector, will preside, and the proceeds will be used in buying music for the free use of the school children.

—Murdoch Mackay, of Vernon, B. C., is at the Dominion. He reached here last evening by the steamer Tees direct from Atlin. He was accompanied from Atlin to Skagway by W. W. Grime, of this city, who went into the new district in the interest of some British capitalists. Mr. Mackay, who has six claims in the new district, expects a big rush next spring. He says there are about 400 people in Atlin City at present.

—Another of the enjoyable social and dances which have been seen made a feature by the Sons and Daughters of St. George took place last night. The following programme was given, at the conclusion of which dancing was indulged in to music furnished by H. Hallam; Overture, British Columbia; song, Mr. H. Hallam; recitation, Mr. J. Irving; song, Mr. Stallard; violin and piano duo, Masters Merrifield; recitation, Master Merrifield; song, Mr. Ruxton; song, W. Yerril; song, R. H. Munro; and recitation, Mr. Irving.

—The following is the programme of promenade concert to be given at the Drill Hall to-morrow evening by the 5th Regiment band. A basket ball match between the Swifts and Regiment will be the extra attraction:

Part I.

1. Overture "Martha".....Flotow
2. Chor. Piece "Guendun".....Ellenberg
3. Selection fr. "Wang".....Dorje
4. Waltzes "Ninetaria".....Beunet

Part II.

1. Basket Ball—Swifts vs. Regiment.
2. Song and Dance—"Ole Mississipp".....Tracy
3. Half-time Play.
4. Song and Dance—"Ole Mississipp".....Tracy
5. March—"The Little Old Lady".....Hall
6. God Save the Queen.

—All kinds of Baskets, Brooms, Brushes, Fibre and Wooden ware, at Weller Bros.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

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Along the Waterfront.

The Pacific Mail S.S. Co. are about to build two large liners for their San Francisco-Oriental line. According to a dispatch from Newport News the contract for the two 12,000-ton Pacific Mail steamships, each costing \$2,000,000, has been awarded to the Newport Shipbuilding & Drydock Company. These two ships for the Pacific Mail will be the largest so far built at an American yard, their dimensions being greater than those of the American liners St. Paul and St. Louis. The two new ships will be duplicated in every particular. Their length will be 350 feet, and their beam 63 feet. The dimensions of the St. Louis, the largest ship of the American line, are: Length 335.5 feet, beam 63 feet, depth 26.8 feet. Thus it will be seen that the Pacific Mail liners will be 14.5 feet longer than the St. Louis. They will have a tonnage of 400 greater than the St. Louis.

As told in these columns some days ago, news reached the friends of Ira Whitney and F. J. Bassford, who were thought to have been drowned after they lost their schooner—the Allie I. Algar—while sealing on the Japan coast in 1892, that the two missing men were alive in a Siberian prison. Acting on this information Congressman Hitt has started an investigation, through the state department at Washington, to ascertain the whereabouts of the lost sealers, and if, as stated, they are imprisoned by the Russians, steps will be taken to secure their release. The two men are said to have been picked up by a Russian gunboat, and are now prisoners in a penal settlement in Siberia for poaching on the Russian fisheries. Congressman Hitt has promised a vigorous search for them, and redress for whatever wrong he has suffered.

In order to expedite the Australian mails from the States the San Francisco postal authorities will hereafter dispatch their mail to be sent to the Antipodes to Honolulu instead of Vancouver. As the system has been carried out hitherto, the mails going by the Canadian Pacific line have had to be sent north to Vancouver before starting on their trip to the South Sea Islands. This has made a loss of several days of time—the time required to send the mails to the north and for the steamer to make the latitude of San Francisco—in its southwest trip. As the Chinese steamer from San Francisco to Honolulu, the Oceano Company runs a mid-month steamer to the islands, there is frequently an opportunity to forward the mails directly to Honolulu in time to catch the Canadian Pacific steamer on its southwest journey. The gain in time that will result from this arrangement is obvious.

Word has been received in this city from what is considered an authentic source that a change is to be made shortly in the vessels of the Canadian-Australian line. Two of the three vessels now in the service—the Warinoo and the Mowera, due on Tuesday from the South Sea—are to be replaced by larger and better vessels. The third vessel, the Tongarua, each of 4,000 net registered tons, modern in model and equipment, and both belonging to the New Zealand Shipping Company, will be placed on the route. These vessels have large refrigerating capacity, so it is believed to be the intention to attract the fresh meat trade of the colonies.

Steamers Tees and Amur have returned from the North, the former reached port last evening and the latter this morning. They left Skagway together and had an even race to their respective coaling stations. Both vessels reported experiencing a rough passage. The Tees will sail north again this evening and the Amur on Wednesday evening. About 20 passengers are booked from here by the Tees and quite a lot of freight is awaiting shipment by her.

Steamer Glenogle left the Sound yesterday for the Orient. As the Olympic follows so closely behind her she did not call here. She carried a full cargo, including many thousand sacks of flour and 5,200 bales of cotton—sheetings. There was in all 5,200,000 yards of cotton all for Shanghai, where it will find its way on to the backs of the uncounted unwashed of Cathay.

Steamer Garonne sailed from the Sound yesterday for Hawaii. She was full up with freight and was obliged to leave 800 tons on the wharf. The cargo consisted chiefly of millstuffs, and included a complete sugar plant shipped from New Jersey.

Capt. Armstrong, who is interested with Capt. Irving in the building of a steamer at Lake Bennett will leave for the North to-night by the steamer Tees.

H. M. S. Pheasant will leave to-morrow for a ten-day cruise to Alberni and along the West Coast. H. M. S. Leander sailed south last evening.

Capt. Bragg, master of one of the Canadian Development Co.'s river steamers will leave for Seattle by the steamer Tees this evening.

Sealing schooner Arietta, Ainoké Viva and Otto sailed yesterday for the sea. Schooner Beatrice cleared to-day and will sail to-morrow.

Ship Hawaiian Isles is expected to go to the Esquimaux marine ways to-morrow for repairs.

Sealing schooner Minnie hauled in to the wharf this morning to take on her stores.

Steamer Chamer left Vancouver at 1:20 p.m., and connected with the train.

Steamer Dirigo passed down to the Sound from Lynn canal last night.

Steamer Unatilla is due this evening from San Francisco.

Steamer Cutch will sail to-morrow for Lynn canal.

Steamer Staffa sailed for Vancouver this morning.

Tug Hope returned this morning from the north.

Ship Malpo sailed for Tacoma this morning.

Football was a crime in England to-day.

A JAP AND HIS OATH.

An Interesting Scene in the Police Court Relieves the Dearthiness of the Proceedings.

The monotony of the ordinary doings in the police court is occasionally relieved by a funny incident which affords counsel and court the opportunity for a hearty laugh. One of these occurred this morning when the Holmes-Wrathall case was being heard. The proceedings had been sadly delayed by legal fencing, indulged in by P. Macrae and J. P. Walls, the counsel retained in the case. This argument was perhaps responsible for the incident which followed, for both lawyers had reached the combative stage when they were ready to challenge anything and everything. For the purpose of establishing the fact that Dutch Larry, and not Wrathall, had disposed of parts of the beef, Mr. Macrae called Tamika, a little Jap who keeps a restaurant on Johnston street, and who subsequently stated that Dutch Harry had sold him a side of beef.

Tamika, who, as a sequel will show, has a very poor knowledge of English, took the stand laboring under evident agitation. In order to render the oath as impressive as possible, Mr. Page administered it in a much slower and more deliberate manner than is his wont. The usual admonition to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God," was done, and under the direction of the witness over to him for examination on that point.

"What is your religion, Tamika?" quired the counsel, as a preliminary to the cross-examination.

"Oh! Johnston street!" came the reply, and when the spectators laughed, Tamika explained in a peculiar way that he didn't "understand English very much, no."

Mr. Walls was not to be easily non-plussed however, and he returned a second time to the charge.

"Do you go to church?" he asked.

"No, no, I keep a restaurant," replied Tamika in a deprecatory tone.

Further cross questioning by Mr. Walls failed to elicit from the witness satisfactory explanation of his creed. He said he had gone to church in Yokohama, and that he believed the Bible, and finally whispered to the clerk that he was an English Catholic. This statement was communicated to Mr. Walls, and he expressed himself as still unsatisfied.

"I have heard of Roman Catholics," he said, "but upon my word, your honor, I never heard of a sect of English Catholics."

Kind an interpreter not being present, the counsel for the defence signified his willingness to allow the evidence to be taken upon the oath being readministered and the witness kissing the Bible and not his thumb. This was done, and under the direction of the clerk the book and the witnesses mouth were finally brought into juxtaposition and a resounding Japanese smack implanted on the forehead volume.

The police magistrate finally sent the case up for trial.

REPEALING THE SUBSIDIES.

The Government Will Withdraw All Unearned Railway Subsidies.

The bill to repeal "certain statutes and portions of statutes granting aid to railways," introduced yesterday by the Attorney-General, withdraws all subsidies for the construction of railways authorized by the legislature by the late government in respect to railway companies which have not made any attempt to earn such subsidies. The first clause repeals the Railway Aid Act of 1890, by which the following subsidies were authorized to be granted by the Government: Crow's Nest and Kootenay Railway, 20,000 acres land per mile; Ashcroft and Cariboo railway, 20,000 acres land per mile; Okanagan and Kootenay railway, 20,000 acres land per mile; C.P.R. in respect to its branch to the Pacific coast, 20,000 acres land per mile; Canadian Western Central (British Pacific) 20,000 acres land per mile. The second clause repeals the grants of 5,120 acres of land to the Taku-Teslin Lake railway, the Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Company, foreign and to the Stikine and Teslin railway. The third clause repeals the grant of \$4,000 per mile to the V. & E. railway from the coast to Penttition. Since these grants were voted by the legislature no bona fide work has been done on any of the roads, and the government in sweeping away the grants, it is assumed, have come to the conclusion that a change in the railway policy of the province is necessary. They mean to start with a clean slate.

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—The United States senate opened on Wednesday a bill was reported from the military affairs committee and passed extending the appropriation of congress to Helen Miller Gould for patriotic services during the late war and providing that a gold medal be presented to her by the president.

MEATS GO UP IN PRICE.

Cattle, Sheep and Hogs Are Scarce and Wholesale Prices Climb.

Over the whole of the Pacific coast fresh meat is taking the course the cow took in jumping over the moon. Prices have been creeping upward in the wholesale market for the last few weeks, and it is predicted the price of certain meats will advance another cent wholesale soon. The sale of a million sheep of the Northwest to the East last summer, and the call for coast cattle in the market of Manila and the general depletion of the swine supply of the coast are reasons given for the rising market.

Hogs are being shipped in from Nebraska, cattle from Reno and mutton is being brought in cold storage from Australia—a large consignment is expected to arrive on the R. M. S. Mowera on Wednesday.

Dressed beef at wholesale here is now held for eight and a quarter cents a pound, and it is predicted by a man well in touch with the wholesale market that the price will be nine cents within six days. This rate was reached by a stride from seven cents only a week or two ago.

Pork is held at eight cents by the local wholesalers, and hogs are reported exceedingly scarce in this city. They have been brought from Nebraska the last few days at a cost of \$4.80 a hundred weight.

Mutton goes at eleven and a half cents in the local wholesale market, and live sheep bring six cents. Last summer the dressed sheep was worth only six cents, and on foot he was only six for three cents.

In California the wholesale price of beef advanced two cents the last two or three weeks, and the demand from Manila for meat for Uncle Sam's new pioneers had a decided tendency to call much of the stock off the Golden State market, and to urge the price toward the sky.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

To-day's Proceedings in the Provincial Assembly.

Prayers were read this afternoon by Rev. A. B. Winchester, after which Hon. Dr. McKechnie presented a petition from hotelkeepers of Nanaimo protesting against the proposed legislation which would have the effect of allowing the tenant of licensed premises to become interested in the license. Received and ordered to be printed.

The public accounts committee reported, and the railway committee suggested that in regard to the Atlin Southern Railway bill the rules be suspended and the bill introduced.

Mr. Turner wished to introduce a minority report from the public accounts committee, and there was some argument as to whether such a report was admissible. Mr. Prentiss objected to any such proceeding, and Hon. Joseph Martin and Mr. Higgins objected to any such legislation.

Mr. Speaker quoted May at section 294, which proved that a minority report was impossible.

Considerable wrangling ensued, Colonel Baker and others prolonging the discussion. The Speaker said that any appeal from the ruling of the chair might be taken, but he would not allow anything in the way of debate regarding the Speaker's ruling.

The Hon. Mr. Scullin introduced a bill intitled "An Act to amend the 'Water Classes Consolidation Act, 1897.'"

Mr. Kellie introduced a bill intitled "An Act to amend the 'Revelstoke Incorporation Act, 1898.'"

Mr. McPhillips introduced a bill intitled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act.'"

Mr. Henderson introduced a bill intitled "An Act to amend the 'Overholding Tenants Act.'"

Mr. McPhillips moved that the Hon. the Speaker's ruling, that it was out of order to grant leave to introduce "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1890,' and to amend the 'Placer Mining Act,' be not sustained.

Mr. Speaker said he uttered a few words when he gave his ruling which might have led Mr. McPhillips to believe such a motion was in order.

He would have to decide, however, that the motion was irregular.

OUR FIRE SYSTEM.

Mr. J. G. Elliott Speaks on the Matter—Rates Will Be Raised.

Mr. J. G. Elliott, secretary of the Victoria Fire Underwriters' Association, when interviewed this morning by a Times reporter, said:

"I noticed an interview with Chief Deasy which appeared in the Times last evening, and I can corroborate what the chief says regarding the necessity of a staff of permanent men, as a lot of elaborate apparatus is utterly useless without the men to man it, and with thousands of electric wires crossing each other here in the city, a fire is possible at any moment, which, with the present system of call men, is liable to lay Victoria in ruins. As regards the increase of rates as proposed by the Fire Underwriters, and of which a copy was sent to the city council, it does not emanate from the Victoria branch, but comes from the 'powers that be,' and we have to obey instructions. The head officials have taken their view of the case from various reports that have appeared in the local press, in which it has been frequently stated that only 37 lbs. of water to the square inch is available. Also that Government street is only provided with a six inch pipe; therefore the steps taken by the officials is not to be wondered at when we see what poor protection is offered by the city of Victoria. I cannot speak fully on the matter at present," continued Mr. Elliott, "as the matter is in abeyance, and the council have not given us a definite answer to our communication yet. As the Fire Underwriters pay half of the cost of the fire department, I think the mayor should not have spoken the way he did—where some unwarranted opinion was read, and I certainly am of the opinion that we are entitled to have a say in the management of the department. Taking into consideration the fact that they have lately bought a new fire engine, and are going into better quarters, I do not think the proposed increased rate will be insisted on, that is the twenty per cent., but I am under the impression that the rate will be raised at least five per cent."

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The Capture Of Iloilo.

Particulars of the Occupation of This Much Talked of Filipino Stronghold.

Much Property Destroyed—Aguinaldo Collecting His Forces North of Manila.

Manila, Feb. 14, 11:55 a.m.—Particulars of the capture of Iloilo by United States forces under Brigadier-General Miller on Saturday last have been received here.

On the morning of Friday, February 10th, General Miller sent an ultimatum to the commander of the rebels on shore, notifying him that it was his intention to take Iloilo by force if necessary. Non-combatants and foreigners were warned to leave the town within 24 hours. The rebels were also warned that they must make no further beligerent preparations.

The gunboat Petrel then moved to a position to close in shore and near the rebel fort, while the cruiser Boston took up her station at the other end of the town.

Friday passed quietly. During the day many refugees left the town of Iloilo, the majority of whom were taken on board foreign ships lying in the harbor. Searchlights from the United States warships were kept all night long illuminating the town and its defenses. The rebels, so far as the lookouts on the ships could discover, remained quiescent throughout the night.

At 8 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 11, the gunboat Petrel started for the cruiser Boston that the rebels were forming in their trenches. In return the Petrel was ordered to fire warning shots upon the town from her three-pounders. This was done, and the rebels fled with a harmless fusillade. The Boston and Petrel then bombarded the rebel trenches, completely clearing them of their occupants in a very short time.

After the bombardment began flames broke out simultaneously in various parts of the town. Thereupon 48 marines, acting as infantry and artillery, were landed from the cruiser Boston and a company was sent ashore from the gunboat Petrel. These detachments marched straight into the town of Iloilo, and hoisting the Stars and Stripes over the fort, took possession of the place in the name of the United States.

The capture of the town and its defenses having been accomplished, the marines and soldiers who had been sent ashore, proceeded to the task of saving the American, British and German consulates from destruction by the fire which was raging among the frail and inflammable buildings of the town. The Swiss consul's residence, which was in the same row as the consulates named, was burned. The entire Chinese and native sections of the town were destroyed, but foreign mercantile property escaped with slight damage.

There was some desultory firing by the enemy in the outskirts of Iloilo, but not a single American was injured.

General Miller's force had complete control of the situation when the gunboat Petrel sailed from Iloilo for Manila. The sixth United States artillery regiment occupied a position commanding both the bridges leading into the town and the Tennessee volunteers and the 18th United States infantry were occupying the trenches that had been constructed by the rebels.

Much Property Destroyed.

London, Feb. 14.—A dispatch received at Lloyd's today from Manila reports that there was serious fighting at Iloilo on Saturday, February 11, and that much property was destroyed. The insurgents were driven out of the town. The correspondent expresses the opinion that there is not likely to be any further trouble. Foreign property, the dispatch says, is safe.

Aguinaldo's Forces at Polo.

New York, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: General Otis said to a Herald correspondent: "The situation is excellent now. Aguinaldo is collecting his forces somewhere near Polo. He and his present strength is estimated at thirty thousand. The more he brings together the more satisfied we will be, for we would rather have him attack us than to have to hunt for him."

General Agosden, commanding the first division, said: "General Otis is congratulating me on behalf of the first division, and said there were six thousand Filipinos opposed to my division, and that we cleared out 3,000 of them. I think we shall have to give them another good licking."

The most prominent English business men here say that the Filipinos received a severe lesson during last week. Were it not that their military leaders are men who know they must lose all power once fighting is over, and consequently are deceiving the natives into the belief that they have got the best of the recent fighting, these Englishmen do not think there would be much trouble in bringing the Filipino government to terms. In the opinion of English observers the campaign should be ended on Thursday.

Official Dispatch.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The navy department today received the following telegram from Dewey: "The Petrel has just arrived from Iloilo with the news that Iloilo was taken by our forces on Saturday, and is now occupied. No prisoners. No

casualties on our side. The insurgents lost if not known, it is believed to be slight. They attempted to burn the town but foreign property, generally, was saved by our forces."

Spaniards Returning Home.
Manila, Feb. 14.—One hundred and eighty officers and 1,800 men, Spanish prisoners of war, left port on the 12th and 13th by the steamers Reina Christiana and Uruguay, en route to Spain.

FUTURE OF PHILIPPINES.

The United States Government Does Not Intend to Annex the Islands.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator McHenry's resolution, declaring the policy of the United States government in the Philippines, was adopted today afternoon by a vote of 20 to 22. Several Democrats present in the chamber declined to vote. The resolution is as follows: "That by the ratification of the treaty of peace with Spain, it is not intended to incorporate the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands into citizenship of the United States; nor is it intended permanently to annex the islands as integral parts of the territory of the United States, but it is the intention of the United States to establish on said islands a government suitable to the wants and conditions of the said islands, to prepare them for local self-government, and in due time make such disposition of said islands as will promote the interests of the citizens of the United States and the inhabitants of said islands."

BURNED TO DEATH.

Six Lives Lost in a Chicago Fire—A Heroic Office Boy Saves Several Persons.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Frozen water pipes prevented the fire department from getting a stream on to flames which broke out in the seven-story brick warehouse at 10-14 West Water street, and resulted in great damage. Owing to the efforts of Eddie Lowe, an office boy, several persons were saved from being burned to death. The fire spread the alarm from door to door, and not until he saw that everyone had made good his escape did he leave the structure. The building was owned by the Manufacturer Merchants Warehouse Company, which space was rented to a bicycle firm, who will lose heavily. The loss is \$250,000.

Later.—It is reported that five or six persons have perished.

ANARCHY IN SAMOA.

The German Consul Has to Retract Very Humbly—Annexation the Only Solution of Difficulties.

Auckland, N. Z., Feb. 15.—Advice received from Samoa under date of Feb. 8th, report that anarchy and rebellion still prevail there. The provisional government persists in interfering with British subjects, and also with the servants of British residents.

Auckland, N. Z., Feb. 14.—The decision of the triple alliance in the matter of the succession to the throne is anxiously awaited. Annexation is looked upon as the only possible solution of the existing difficulties. It is stated that even Matana's followers would prefer British to German control.

The British cruiser Porpoise returned to Apia on February 1st from a cruise of the Samoan group and reported having found affairs quiet in other parts of the island.

The German Consul-General, Mr. Rose, has notified Chief Justice Chambers that the government has not upheld his protest regarding that office. The news was received with great satisfaction.

Chief Justice Chambers reopened his court to hear the charges of contempt against Dr. Raffael and Herr Fries, chief of the police, for releasing Herr (Fries). They failed to appear. Dr. Rose, the German consul, has declared that the matter came within the jurisdiction of his consul. Chief Justice Chambers considered Dr. Raffael guilty of contempt and cited him to appear at the next term of the court, when judgment would be pronounced. He said that force would not be used to compel Dr. Raffael to appear, but that the German consul could keep him in the consulate if he chose to do so.

Chief of Police Fries was fined \$100. Herr Fries' Moll has paid the fine of \$1,000 imposed upon him by the court.

H. M. S. Porpoise having been boycotted by order of Dr. Raffael, and Matana's sentries having prevented natives from going off to the cruiser in canoes, an apology was demanded by the British consul, Mr. E. C. B. Maxse, for the attitude assumed toward the British, and also for an insult offered to Chief Justice Chambers. Matana and his chiefs complied, and Dr. Raffael also apologized in his behalf.

It is understood that everything was in readiness on board the Porpoise for a possible attack on Matana if an apology had not been forthcoming. Dr. Raffael being engaged in organizing regiments for Matana, a formal notice was served upon him against expending taxes for this purpose. Matana, Fries and Tani were still on board the Porpoise at the date of these advices.

The arrival of the United States cruiser Philadelphia was hourly expected at Apia.

TORONTO FIREMEN TESTIFY.

M. McArthur, Lombard Street Fire Hall, Toronto, dated March 2nd, states: "I am entitled to very painful conditions of confinement and other troubles resulting from the fire. I have found a perfect remedy in Dr. Chamberlain's Kidney-Liver Pills. I trust this may be of benefit to others."

The Boundary Question

Mr. John Charlton, M. P., Denies Report That Canadians Demanded Skagway.

The Matter Will Probably Be Satisfactorily Settled at Washington.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Mr. John Charlton, M. P., one of the Canadian commissioners of the joint high commission, who spoke before the Managette Club last night, stated in an interview that the Canadian commissioners had not made the reported demand for the cession of Skagway in determining the Alaskan boundary line. "That is merely a newspaper-scam," he said, "and without any foundation. The Canadian commissioners had not made a demand for the cession of Skagway. We hope to have the boundary question settled satisfactorily, but what I am not at liberty to state, I wish I were able to give some of the interesting matter which I have, but the commission has made a point to reserve all the details of its conference until some definite result shall have been reached."

Mr. Charlton will return today to Washington, where he left the commission on Friday.

MONEY TIGHT AT DAWSON.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—A special from Faith Fenton to the Globe from Dawson City, under date of Jan. 14th, says: Money is remarkably tight, and ten per

Another Engagement

United States Soldiers Occupy Jaro After a Skirmish With Filipinos.

The Natives Again Suffer Heavily—Four Americans Were Wounded.

Manila, Feb. 15, 11:45 a.m.—Colonel C. Potter arrived from Iloilo yesterday evening with dispatches from Brigadier-General M. D. Miller to Major-General Otis.

On Sunday General Miller ordered a reconnaissance. Major Cheatham's battalion of the Tennessee volunteers marched beyond Jaro without finding the enemy, and returned to Iloilo. General's battalion of the Fifteenth United States infantry with two Hotchkiss guns and one Gatling gun, marched towards Jaro. This battalion encountered a large body of the enemy, occupying both sides of the road, who met the advanced American troops with a severe and well directed fire. The Americans deployed and returned the fire with a number of volleys. The troops advanced steadily, supported by the Hotchkiss and Gatling guns, and drove the enemy through Jaro to the open country beyond.

The town of Jaro was found to be deserted, and all portable property had been removed. When the Americans entered the place there were only a few Chinese there. At 4:30 o'clock Captain

patch from Manila says: "A Spanish prisoner who escaped from Malabon reports that Baldozno Aguinaldo, a cousin of General Aguinaldo, and the Filipino minister of war, was killed in the fighting at Calocan on February 10th, where the Kansas, Montana and Pennsylvania troops and the Third Artillery were heavily engaged. Corroboration of this report was given by the finding of a general's sword beside the railway sheds."

Against Annexation.

Stanford University, Cal., Feb. 15.—Dr. Starr Jordan, president of the Stanford University, in a lecture on the Philippine question, reviewed the history of France, her failure in the colonization question, the misfitness of the Filipinos to become American citizens and the misfitness of our reform government to colonize successfully. He said in part: "Our treatment of the Philippines should be the same as of Cuba. No inhabited country should be acquired by this government that cannot be made self-governing and ultimately be received into the family of States. Let the Filipinos fit their government to their own needs with a guarantee of our protection from outside interference, but under no circumstances should any island inhabited by an alien semi-civilized population be retained as a permanent possession."

NEW YORK IS ISOLATED

The Weather Improved, but Railway Traffic Is Still Suspended and the Outlook Serious.

New York, Feb. 14.—The people of Greater New York this morning enjoyed the first sunshine they have had since Friday last, and the city took on a decidedly cheery aspect in consequence. The general conditions this morning were more favorable than yesterday, but the situation, especially as regards railway



FIGHTING JOE ON THE WARPATH.

"Who said disallowance?"

cent, per month is quite a common rate of interest, as high as 15 per cent. being freely offered. The reason is chiefly due to the delay of mails, which has prevented any remittances reaching Dawson. Only one public mail had reached Dawson at the date named since Sept. 22nd last. The local revenue statement for the first three months of Ogilvie's administration, Sept. 12th to Dec. 31st last, shows a tremendous gain in funds by the sick. In this class Americans are very numerous, but no distinction in nationality is made. The total receipts were \$38,508, of which practically all was from fines and liquor permits, and of this sum nearly \$30,000 has been spent in support of the sick and indigent hospitals, in sums advanced to such persons as wish to leave the country \$420, and in the burial of indigent persons \$900.

INDIANS DIE OF SMALLPOX.

Muskego, I. T., Feb. 14.—A courier has arrived here from Muskego, in the Western part of the Cree nation, bringing news that smallpox was raging in that section and not less than 35 persons had died of it in the last few weeks. The victims are negroes and Indians. All of Western Oklahoma has been quarantined against the infected district, and the Muskego board of health and city council will take steps to establish quarantine in this section.

IS THIS ANOTHER 'SURMISE'?

Washington, Feb. 14.—The joint high commission held a session today and adjourned until tomorrow. It was learned that there are questions upon which no agreement can now be reached, and the impression prevails that the commissioners found themselves unable to see a way out of difficulties presented at this session to-day, although it was determined to make further efforts.

Griffiths raised the American flag over the presidency.

During the fighting outside of the town, Lieut. Frank Bowles, of the 18th Infantry, while working the light battery, was shot in the leg. In addition one private was seriously wounded and two slightly wounded.

The rebel loss was severe. All was quiet on Monday when Colonel Potter left Iloilo.

Two natives attempted to slip past the United States cruiser Olympia during the night in a boat. They failed to respond when hailed, but kept paddling along. After a warning shot, a sentry fired at the boat and killed one of the occupants, wounding the other.

Manila, Feb. 15, 5:30 a.m.—Several rebels yesterday afternoon, having fired from houses bearing white flags on the American outposts, Colonel Smith, with companies "L," "D" and "M," of the California volunteers, proceeded to clear out the enemy along his front. The rebels opposed him from the houses, and several skirmishes occurred, during which nine of the Californians were slightly wounded.

Work proceeded to-day in systematic manner, a further shelling the villages and working her rapid fire guns very effectively on the jungle. The entire California regiment, with the exception of two companies, four companies of the Washington regiment, two companies of the Idaho regiment and a battery of the Sixth Artillery were engaged. The rebels were driven towards Lake Laguna de Baya.

The rebels held their fire, apparently being short of ammunition, but they fought desperately. The American outposts in this division are now fully twelve miles out. All is quiet along the route of the occupation, except of shot between the sharpshooters.

New York, Feb. 15.—A Herald des-

patch, was as yet most serious. The city was still cut off for the most part from communication from the outside world.

One of the first results of the appearance of the sun to-day was the movement into port of the ocean steamers that have been waiting for the weather to clear. The Tweedie Trading Co.'s schooner, which left St. Michaels, where she put in for repairs 19 days ago, and about which much anxiety was felt, passed Sandy Hook at 9:15 a.m.

Coldest Yet Known.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The official weather bureau records show that from Washington, south the weather conditions were unprecedented in the history of the service. They show that since Sunday, February 5, 15 inches of snow have fallen in Washington, and of this 14 inches fell between Sunday night and last night. This is almost twice the amount of that of any period ever before known in this city. All through the south the records of cold weather were broken. At Jacksonville, Fla., the mercury was 10 degrees above which is four degrees lower than ever before. New Orleans registered six degrees above, breaking all records by nine degrees. At Vicksburg the temperature of one degree below exceeded all previous records by four degrees. The wind was blowing at a high rate in most places in the south.

Louis, Del., Feb. 14.—The storm on the coast has abated entirely. The United States collier Steamer, reported last night as being in danger of stranding on the rocks, is anchored safely this morning.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Traffic on the New York Central railroad, between New York and Albany, has been entirely suspended since midnight, and at noon to-day no trains were in operation.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Through railroad traffic is at a standstill in this section.

Joint High Commission

The United States Seal Expert Leaves the Joint High Commission.

Probability of an Abrupt Termination of the Present Negotiations.

A significant telegram was received in Victoria yesterday from the confidential advisers of the sealing men in Washington. It states that John W. Foster has resigned from the International Commission. No reason whatever is assigned for his action.

The intelligence has created a flutter among the sealing captains and various explanations are advanced in regard to the matter. Mr. Foster was the sealing expert of the American portion of the commission, and by some his resignation is believed to indicate that that part of the question has practically been settled, and that his special mission on the board having been severed he no longer considers it necessary to remain upon it as a member.

But this view is not the one entertained by the majority of those who are looking so anxiously at the present moment to Quebec and to Washington for the final adjustment of the long vexed sealing question. The view of the majority is that Mr. Foster has left the commission as a result of a disagreement with his colleagues.

If such be the case there can be but one significance of his action, and that is that it will terminate negotiations and result in the dissolution of the commission. Such an outcome has not been looked for.

The action of the American sealing expert is full of significance whatever explanation is accepted and further particulars are awaited with almost painful anxiety.

Anglo-American Commission.

Montreal, Feb. 14.—The following is a dispatch from the Star's special correspondent at Washington: There was to have been a meeting of the Joint High Commission to-day, but at noon a note was received from Senator Fairbanks declaring it impossible to secure a quorum of the American commission. The ultimatum, for which a formal demand was made by the Canadians on Friday, Senator Fairbanks promised would be submitted without fail at to-morrow's meeting. On the character of this ultimatum depends the success or failure of the negotiations. It is a break or a speedy settlement. One of the Canadian commissioners said to-day: "There is to be no fencing. Whatever the ultimatum is, it will not be questioned, even though it means the falling through of the negotiations. We could not but adopt this course. Your parliament must meet. We are in such a position that no more time can be spent with the Anglo-American conference."

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 15.—A special to the Enquirer from Washington says: A meeting of the Canadian Joint High Commission will be held to-day and may be the last session of that body. Should that prove to be a fact it will mean that negotiations have been a failure, and that no treaty will be agreed to.

The question at issue is the demand by Canadians and Lord Herschell, representing the British government, for a portion of the Lynn canal, thus giving Canada direct access to the Pacific ocean over Alaskan territory. The American commissioners are firm in the resistance of the demands, having decided primarily not to cede any American territory.

An impression prevails that the Canadians and Lord Herschell will not let this demand stand in the way of a successful issue of their long and laborious efforts, but that they will withdraw and proceed to a conclusion.

It Looks Very Critical.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Whether or not the negotiations looking to the settlement of a dozen or more issues between the United States and Canada by means of a joint commission now in session, will ultimately fail entirely, can be scarcely foretold at this moment. Agreements have been reached on some questions of first importance, including matters that have been the cause of constant friction between the United States and Canada for many years. Some other questions the commissioners have not been able to get together, and it is even probable that they never will, and it remains to be seen whether both the United States and Canada will regard the agreement so far reaching as to constitute a fair adjustment.

To-day's session of the committee was a one-sided affair. After a few minutes in joint session, the British members retired and the Americans remained half an hour longer than usual in conference. This immediately set about the report that the British side had presented an ultimatum, which is being considered by the American commissioners.

This was in general in line with the story telegraphed this morning from London that the negotiations had entirely fallen through.

After the session, however, a prominent member of the commission whose attention was called to the London dispatch expressed surprise, and declared that there was no truth either in this or the report that an ultimatum had been presented to-day. The negotiations, he

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said, were in a critical stage, but there was no reason to believe they had failed. That was all that could be said at present.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Proposals to Restrict Its Powers De feated in the Commons.

London, Feb. 13.—Mr. Henry Labouchere, Liberal member for Northampton, in the House of Commons today made his usual attack upon the House of Lords with a view of limiting its voting power, from which he said Liberal measures invariably suffered. He moved an amendment to the address to the throne providing that bills adopted by the Commons in one session and not adopted by the peers should if passed by the Commons at a subsequent session become the law of the land.

Mr. John Lawson Walton, Liberal member for South Leeds, proposed an amendment to the address, declaring that the power now possessed by the House of Lords of overruling the decision of the House of Commons demanded the urgent attention of parliament.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the newly elected leader of the Liberals, supported Walton's amendment. He denied that the Liberals were actuated by a partisan spirit in raising the question, but the House of Lords, he declared, had always formed a continuing stereotyped anti-Liberal majority. The Liberals desire to guard the rights of the representative chamber, while giving to the House of Peers a reasonable power.

Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, government leader, said there was no middle course between the policy expressed in Mr. Labouchere's amendment and the policy of leaving the House of Peers in its present position.

The House then rejected the amendments, Mr. Walton's by 257 against 107, and Mr. Labouchere's by 222 against 165.

MR. HUME RE-ELECTED

The Bye-Election in West Kootenay Results in the Return of Government Candidate by a Largely Increased Majority.

Nelson, Feb. 15.—Hon. J. Fred Hume was yesterday re-elected for West Kootenay (Nelson) over Mr. Farwell, opposition candidate. Returns have been received from all the polling places with the exception of Salm and Erie, and they are not expected to arrive here until 5 o'clock this afternoon. There is no telegraph office at either place. The returns to hand are as follows:

	Hume, Farwell.
Nelson	371 235
Ryegate	5 5
Yale	40 24
Waneta	4 8
Hall Sliding	4 3
Silver King Mine	16 17
Proctor's Landing	3 0
Kootenay	21 11
Creston, Grand	31 11
	400 200

Mr. Hume's majority at the general election in July was 15.

SUPPOSED SHIPPING DISASTER.

A Large Steamer Mysteriously Disappears Off the Coast of Dorset, White.

London, Feb. 14.—Reports of damage done by the gale yesterday and Sunday are arriving. The fishing-boats that have returned to the east coast have reported severe damage to boats and injuries to men. A steamer was wrecked in the Portland roadstead yesterday evening. Her crew were rescued by a tug.

A steamer with a large schooner lashed by electricity passed St. Albans Head, going down the channel, early this morning. A hurricane, squall obscured her lights for a time, which later reappeared. Then at 2:45 a.m. the lights disappeared totally near the Race, southwest of St. Albans Head. The steamer showed no distress signals, but it is feared that she foundered in the terrific storm.

The British steamer Ormiston, Capt. Outram, from Glasgow, Jan. 23, for New York, is much overdue, but her owners say they are not alarmed for her safety, and that she is probably lying outside New York harbor.

A significant indication of the fury of the recent gales is shown by the fact that the announcements of wrecks overflow the ordinary casualty bulletin boards at Lloyd's, and fill the reserve and war bulletin boards, and are posted around the walls. This is something the like of which is not remembered by the oldest members of the exchange.

DREYFUS REFUSES TO ANSWER.

London, Feb. 14.—The following dispatch from Cayenne is published in the Daily Telegraph: "The French government has just received news from a visit to Dreyfus at the Isle de Diabie, informs me that the prisoner is in good health, but declines to reply to the written questions of the Court of Cassation, and that his answers are inaccurately transmitted to Paris."